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Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1-3 (Cancelled)

4.(currently amended): Method for establishing communications in a system comprising at least two television receiver terminals and a server linked to said television receiver terminals by a network comprising the steps of:

- initiating, by receiving, by the server, from a first user of a first television receiver terminal, data associated with a program watched by said first user on said terminal;
- informing said server that said first user wishes to communicate with another user;
- searching, by the server, for other users who have sent data indicating that they are watching the program;
- based on at least a profile and viewing data from the other users matching at least a profile and viewing data of the first user, selecting at least a most adequate second user among said other users for communication with the first user; and
- establishing a communication between said first user and said second user through the server.

5.(previously presented): Method according to the claim 4 comprising

- sending a stopping signal from a television receiver terminal of a user to the server;
 - sending a disconnection signal from the server to the other users communicating with the first user;
- and further to the communication,
- storing in the server a list comprising user identifications;
 - archiving in the terminal a connection reference relative to the communication.

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6.(original): Method according to the claim 5, comprising the step of reestablishing a communication between at least the two of these users following a request of one of the users, the step of re-establishing comprising the following steps:

- sending by one of the users to the server the connection reference;
- searching in the server the list of users corresponding to said connection reference;
- establishing a communication between this user and another user of this list.

7.(currently amended): Server device for establishing communications between at least two users, said device being linked to at least two television receiver terminals; said server device comprising:

- means for receiving from ~~the two~~ a plurality of users data relative to a respective program watched by each user through their respective television receivers and data relative to each user profile,
- means for storing data sent by users through said television receiver terminals, as well as addresses of said users,
- means for receiving a request that a first user that wishes to communicate with a second user,
- means for establishing a communication between the at least two users with matching data of at least said user profile and viewing data, using said users addresses, the communication being established through the server, the server device selecting the most adequate second user among the plurality of users for communication with the first user.

8.(previously presented): Server device according to claim 7, further comprising a memory means for storing at least a list of users identifications and a connection reference relative to a previous communication, and communication means to re-establish a communication between at least two user of the list when it receives from one of these users user a request for re-establishing a communication, said request comprising the connection reference.

9. (cancelled) - . . . "

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10.(previously presented): Device according to claim 7, wherein it comprises communication means to establish said communication over the telephone network, said communication between the two users being by audio.

11-12.(cancelled)

13.(previously presented): The method of claim 4 further comprising:
maintaining, by the server, anonymous communication between the users by excluding identity data in the transmissions between the first user and the other users.

14.(previously presented): The server device of claim 7, wherein said server device maintaining anonymous communication between the users by excluding identity data in the transmissions between the first user and the other users.

15.(cancelled)